

Theresa Desmond

Requiem mass for Theresa Veronica Desmond of 1445 E. Carson St. was celebrated yesterday at St. Philomena Catholic Church, Rosary was said Friday evening at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel.

Mrs. Desmond, who was 63, was born in Massachusetts and had lived in Torrance for about six years. She died Wednesday.

She is survived by her husband, William of Torrance; two sons, William Jr. of Massachusetts and Robert of Virginia; three daughters, Ellen Wilder of Torrance, Theresa Lynch of La Puente, Calif., and Agnes Sullivan of Massachusetts, and 15 grandchildren.

Burial was in All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach.

Grace Allen

Private funeral services for Grace Allen, 84, of 22035 S. Vermont Ave., will be conducted tomorrow at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel with entombment following in Lancaster, Calif.

Mrs. Allen, a native of Pennsylvania, died Wednesday.

She is survived by a nephew, Dr. Charles Grosscup of Pennsylvania.

Youths End Ham Radio Exercise

Teenage ham radio operators have concluded a three-day exercise at the Northrop Nortronics Research Park atop the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

The youths, members of the South High School Radio Club, set up shop at the Nortronics facility to take advantage of the 1,200-foot altitude to contact operators around the world.

Robert Parker, vice president of the club, said 10 members took part in the exercise.

During the three days and two nights, the youths contacted radio operators in Russia, Brazil, Bermuda, Peru, and Japan, according to Dean Burkhalter, president of the student club.

Mrs. Schleper

Funeral services for Elizabeth Mary Schleper, 61, who died last Tuesday, were conducted yesterday with burial following in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Mrs. Schleper was born in Louisville, Ky., and had lived in Torrance for about three years. Her home was at 3332 W. 188th St.

Surviving are a son, George of Torrance; two brothers, Edward Felker of Los Angeles and Harvey Felker of Redding, Calif.; a sister, Lillie Armes, and five grandchildren.

ACLU Meet Scheduled On Friday

The controversial topic of homosexuality will be explored next Friday during a forum entitled "Sex and Gender Behavior and the Law."

The forum, sponsored by the South Bay chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), will be held at 8 p.m. at the American Savings and Loan building, 1959 Kingsdale Ave., Redondo Beach.

Speakers will include Don Slater, editor of the magazine Tangent; Dr. Virginia Bruce, who will discuss masculinity and femininity in today's society, and Professor Howard Russell of Pierce College, a member of the ACLU board who will present the Civil Liberties Union's point of view.

Questions and discussion will be invited following the panel presentation.

G.I. Requests Of Appraisals, Loans Decrease

G. I. home loan applications decreased from 1,761 in November to 1,526 in December, Mort Webster, VA's Southern California manager, has reported.

Appraisal requests for new homes decreased from 781 in November to 621 in December, and appraisal requests for existing homes increased from 1,090 in November to 1,351 in December.



DISPLAY AWARD . . . Captain William Culbreth (left) and Battalion Chief Paul Schneider of the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Battalion 7 show a plaque from the National Safety Council to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn. Battalion 7, headquartered at 404 E. Carson St., was named a first place winner in national competition. "Battalion 7 is the busiest battalion in the county system, but it is also the safest in California," Hahn noted. The battalion will move to new quarters at 127 W. 223rd St. in mid-February.

Chace Renews Attack on Convention Center Pact

Supervisor Burton W. Chace has reiterated his opposition to a joint powers agreement proposed for a \$25 million convention center in downtown Los Angeles.

\$1,000 Loss Recorded by Bus Service

A "shoppers special" bus service operated by the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines in the four weeks before Christmas was something less than a success, according to a report just issued.

M. A. Chamberlain, bus superintendent, in a report to the Torrance City Council said the four-week service resulted in a net loss of \$1,146.14.

Chamberlain said 1,406 persons used the bus service during the holiday shopping period. Fares produced \$316.23 in revenues and expenses, including some \$400 for promotional activities, totalled about \$1,460.

Tax Relief Claims Law Requested

County Assessor Philip E. Watson has requested the Board of Supervisors to act on a resolution so that the Assessor's office can begin processing tax relief claims for property which was destroyed or damaged in the Watts riots of August 1965.

Watson said his department was prepared to take claims for reassessment of riot-damaged property as soon as the Supervisors pass an ordinance authorizing him to do so. Both the Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles City Council, which passed such an ordinance Dec. 19, 1966, must authorize the reassessment before the property tax relief law can become effective.

Under the Watts Riot relief act, which was passed by the legislature last summer contingent upon voter approval of Proposition 5 on the November ballot, property owners who suffered damage in excess of \$1,000 are eligible for tax refund upon presentation of an affidavit showing the amount of damage suffered.

Watson made the request for the necessary ordinance in a letter to Burton W. Chace, Supervisor of the Fourth District.

Chace, in a statement delivered Tuesday during a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, said:

"I am not opposed to the city of Los Angeles developing its own convention center. But it should be done without the help of the county."

"I oppose joint powers financing primarily because it gives governmental agencies a means to avoid a public vote on big spending outside the regular budget. This is an extremely dangerous precedent and could well become the rule, rather than the exception."

"By entering a joint powers agreement, we are not only giving a tax umbrella to the convention center project — we are encouraging other cities to use this means of financing to skirt the voter on major expenditures."

"I am not convinced that we would not have a moral — if not a legal — obligation to give financial support to the Los Angeles convention center if it becomes a financial burden to the city. Although

Survey of Highways Under Way

An "origin and destination" study of streets in a five-county area will get under way here tomorrow, according to the State Division of Highways.

Some 40,000 householders in Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, and western San Bernardino and Riverside counties will be interviewed during the next six months.

The survey, being conducted for the Transportation Association of Southern California, is to help identify city streets, country roads, and state highways most frequently used by residents.

Interviewers will call after an earlier contact has set up a definite appointment and will record no names.

New Class Set

A new course in medical secretarial procedures will be offered at Harbor College for women who possess shorthand and typing skills during the spring semester. Last day to register for the spring semester is Jan. 27.

The expense to a hospital to treat a patient in 1965 averaged \$44.48 per patient day.

Tax Class Scheduled To Begin

A free course in the preparation of federal income tax returns will be offered by the Torrance Evening High School beginning Thursday evening. The class will meet for six consecutive Thursdays from 7 until 9 p.m. in room 122 at Torrance High School, 220 W. Carson St.

The course will include an explanation of basic tax laws, preparation of tax forms, and schedules for individuals, according to Raymond Collins, adult school principal.

An instructor from the Internal Revenue Service will teach the course. Enrollment may be completed during the first meeting of the class.

Six Area Schools Honored

Students from several area high schools were among 300 Southland students honored Thursday by the Bill of Rights Week Commemoration Committee.

The students were cited by the committee for "accepting a heavy schedule of speaking engagements before service clubs, PTAs, school assemblies, and civic organizations during the 175th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights."

High schools represented at the awards ceremony included Banning, Carson, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Mira Costa, and North High.

"How can the county, in good faith, lend its prestige, credit rating and support to Los Angeles so that city can develop a convention center which will compete with similar facilities in other cities?"

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JAYCEE WEEK . . . Mayor Albert Isen (right) presents a copy of his official proclamation of Jan. 15 through 21 as Jaycee Week to Ron Steward, president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce. The observance marks the 52nd anniversary of the founding of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. During the week, America's 10 Outstanding Young Men will be named by national president Bill Suttle as the Jaycees meet at Jekyll Island, Ga., in convention. (Press-Herald Photo)

Psychologist Slates Talk Sunday at Temple Menorah

"Have I Told You Lately That I Love You?" is the title of a talk to be given by Dr. Terry Polin, a psychologist, Sunday, Jan. 22, at Temple Menorah.

The program is the third in a series on the theme, "Thoughts for Human Understanding." The program will begin at 8 p.m. Dr. Polin currently is an associate professor of man-

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